



**Laurelhurst COMMUNITY CENTER
EXPANSION PROJECT
Monday, October 25, 2004 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Laurelhurst Community Center**

NOTES, Prepared by VIA – Suzuki

- The majority of teams (7/9) favored renovation of the existing community center, with the remaining funds directed toward new program space in the form of an addition. Only two teams identified a separate and larger building as the preferred option.
- The teams were evenly split between locating new parking along the existing circle drive, or locating it in the SW corner of the site by the substation. A couple of teams identified the need for parking spaces well in excess of the minimum number required, in order to serve parking needs for park events.
- None of the teams chose a new gymnasium as a program option. However several teams mentioned making improvements to the existing school gym, particularly cosmetic improvements so as to avoid code upgrades to that facility.

The overall priority ranks of the various program options are as follows, from highest to lowest:

- Kitchen
 - Administration Area
 - Restrooms
 - Multipurpose Room
 - Lobby
 - Other (storage)
 - Music Instruction
 - Arts and Crafts
 - Fitness Room
 - Games Room
 - Child Care Center
 - Teen Room
 - Resource/Learning
- Many of the comments stressed the need for flexibility in the program spaces, so that rooms could be used for a variety of purposes. Several of the plans indicated a reduced-size multipurpose room rather than the designation of specialty rooms, or the provision of several small multipurpose rooms.
 - Most of the plans that included a lobby had reduced its recommended size considerably.

- Several of the teams expressed a preference for improvements to the existing gym that would accommodate teen activities, rather than including them at the community center.
- Several of the teams expressed a desire for an addition that would blend well with the existing architecture and landscape of the site. This might take the form of a two-story addition so as to minimize the footprint and site impact. Parking needs to be screened so as to maintain the natural character of the site from the NE 41st Street approach.
- A desire was expressed for a large outdoor patio that would be an extension of the multipurpose room.
- A need for expanded offices was identified by several teams.
- A need for an accessible restroom off the existing multipurpose room was expressed, or access to the lower level restrooms via elevator.